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California State Water Resources Control Board
Cal EPA Headquarters Building
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814r

Re: Bay Delta Water Plan Amendment and Revisions
Final SED

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to express my support for your proposed Bay Delta Plan Revisions and final Substitute Environmental Document. The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta ecosystem is at a critical junction and both the Tuolumne River and Stanislaus River must maintain sufficient flow to support the entire system.

Your proposal to maintain at least a forty percent flow is already a compromise with the agricultural interests and Stanislaus County communities who have historically taken a greater share of the flow in summer and fall. Your own scientific studies recommend a sixty percent flow. The dams and reservoirs on these rivers were constructed at a time when little consideration was given to fish and wildlife despite the clear mandates of State law. As a resident of the Sierra Foothills, I have observed over the years the ever increasing conversion of grazing land and seasonal crops to orchards of various trees taking more and more water. Your propose Plan Revisions will impose needed constraints on large scale corporate agriculture which increasingly controls the Central Valley.

As a member of Audubon, I recognize that the wetland areas of the Delta support millions of birds on their migrations in one of the country's most important flyways. With many bird species already in steep decline from many causes, including climate change, and from the effects of drought in California, maintaining a reasonable flow of water to the Delta is critical.

I urge you to take all necessary action to adopt the Bay Delta Plan Revisions as proposed selecting Alternate 3 as a minimum.

Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Tom Parrington

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Ms Townsend, Clerk of the Board

Attached in Word format are my comments on the Proposed Bay Delta Plan as proposed to be amended. Please submit these comments as part of the record. Thank you for your assistance.

Tom Parrington